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Attached for your information is final version of text on this subject prepared for briefing Gov. Carter. The page-sized graphics are included. The first four are 30 x 40 briefing boards which have not been included but are available in my office.

Many thanks to all concerned for all the help.



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Attachment:  
Briefing as stated

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SECTION II - SOVIET STRATEGIC FORCES

Communist Estimates

- I. I would like to open by taking a minute or two to familiarize you with the process we go through in formulating our National Intelligence Estimates -- or NIEs as we call them.
  - A. An NIE is a document for senior policymakers and national security planning staffs, containing a set of key judgments supported by analysis. An NIE can be written on virtually any subject or problem on the world scene. Some are written periodically -- once every year or so -- and others are done on an ad hoc basis.
  - B. When completed, NIEs are issued by the Director of Central Intelligence in his role as head of the intelligence community, with the concurrence of the National Foreign Intelligence Board.

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